

REDSO FOOD SECURITY OFFICE: REGIONAL TRADE DIVISION

**Strategic Objective 5:
Enhanced Capacity to Achieve
Regional Food Security**





COMESA

20 Member-States

Free Trade Area

- First in Africa, Third Worldwide
- 9 Countries signed on Oct. 31, 2000 (Djibouti, Madagascar, Kenya, Egypt, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mauritius)
- Other countries gradually reducing tariffs.
- 33% increase in intra-COMESA trade 2000-2001

COMESA Customs Union in 2004

Policy Harmonization

- Monetary
- Agriculture
- Telecommunications
- Investment
- Transportation

AGOA



RATES Project

(Regional Agricultural Trade Expansion Support)

Five year activity

Satellites to focus on commodity value-chains for:

- Maize
- Livestock
- Cotton
- Coffee
- Horticulture
- Beans/Pulses
- Roots/Tubers
- Oilseeds

Hub to provide cross-cutting technical support in trade facilitation to satellites

Objective to increase value/volume of agricultural trade within EA and between region and rest of the world by 35% in next five years.



EAST & CENTRAL AFRICAN GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS HUB

Building Capacity for Trade Policy Formulation and Implementation

- WTO
- COMESA FTA

Increasing Effectiveness of AGOA

- 2004 Fabric Rule of Origin Deadline
- Agricultural products and APHIS

Improving Regional Transportation Efficiency

- Northern Corridor (Mombasa-Kampala-Kigali-DROC)
- Regional Customs Bond Guarantee Scheme



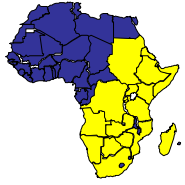
OTHER REDSO TRADE ACTIVITIES

GTN (Global Technology Network)

Market Information Systems (FOODNET)

Red Sea Livestock Trade Commission (AU-IBAR)

AWAND (African Women in Agribusiness Network Development)



Thank you!

Asante Sana!